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Application Number	09/801,676
Filing Date	March 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Pantoliano
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Jeffrey R. Snay
Attorney Docket Number	044988-0304593

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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In re the Patent Application of:	Group Art Unit: 1743
Applicant: Pantoliano, <i>et al.</i>	Examiner: Jeffrey R. Snay
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Filed: March 9, 2001	By:  Abigail Rivamonte
Title: <i>Microplate Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand Development and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization</i>	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please continue the examination of this application.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the allowance and consideration on the merits of the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

The above-identified application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed. On January 14, 2004 the Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, therefore prosecution has been closed as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b). To the knowledge of the undersigned, the issue fee for this application has not been paid and the three-month deadline to pay the issue fee in the above-identified application is April 14, 2004. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that this request is timely filed.

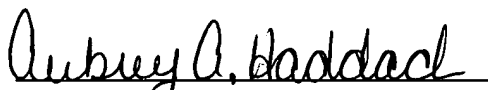
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Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) filing fee of \$770.00, plus any deficiency and any other fee due in connection with this submission, to Deposit Account No. 50-2212, Order No. 044988-0304593. A copy of this submission is submitted in duplicate.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 2, 2004

  
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